



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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April 4, 2014

Save the Date!

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for Travilah Fire Station

Wednesday, April 30 11:30 a.m.

9615 Darnestown Rd., Rockville

(corner of Darnestown and Shady Grove roads)



Leggett to Kick-Off 2014 Let's Get It Started Youth Job Fair

Saturday, April 5 11am-2pm

Silver Spring Civic Center Building at Veterans Plaza

One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

This is an annual event that will provide employment opportunities & resources for youth ages 16-21. Presented by the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board's Youth Council, the Latin American Youth Center/Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, and the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, the event is expected to attract hundreds of local youth. Over fifty area employers will be participating, including Bath & Body Works, CVS/Caremark, Giant Food, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, PNC Bank, Vector Marketing and many more.

Learn more at <http://www.letsgetitstartedyouthjobfair.com/index.html>

Ama Tu Vida (Love Your Health) Health Festival to be Held in Gaithersburg

Saturday, April 5 1:00pm-5:00pm

Bohrer Park Activity Center

506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

The festival will include free blood pressure, cholesterol and vision screenings provided by local hospitals, community clinics and health organizations. Food will be available for purchase and fun activities will be happening throughout the event for adults and children.

The Latino Health Initiative, Montgomery County Recreation, Suburban Hospital and MobileMed are sponsoring the event.

For information, call 240-777-4173.

A message from Sheriff Darren Popkin . . .



SCAM Phone Calls Demand Money to Prevent Arrest

Scammers are now using the guise of a sheriff's deputy to extort people into immediately sending money to avoid arrest. According to Montgomery County Sheriff Darren M. Popkin, a phone scam currently going around the country has reached Montgomery County, Maryland residents. A caller, falsely claiming to be from the sheriff's office, says that a warrant has been issued for your arrest that will be served unless, of course, you pay up.

"Montgomery County Deputy Sheriffs will never call and threaten to arrest you unless you immediately send an electronic payment," said Sheriff Popkin. "Deputies will never ask you to place funds for payment on a pre-paid credit card to cancel an arrest warrant."

Several Montgomery County residents have been targeted and after getting several concerned calls from the public, Sheriff Popkin assigned a security deputy to investigate the phony calls.

For details and instructions, please visit <http://mcsheriff.com>. For further information, contact Sheriff Darren M. Popkin or Chief Deputy Sheriff Mark E. Bonanno at 240-777-7000.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO HOLD VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Volunteers from the Multicultural Outreach Committee and Future Vote Program of the Montgomery County Board of Elections will conduct voter registration drives on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during April at local public libraries. To see the schedule that begins this weekend, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/PressRelease2014/VoterRegistrationDrive.html>

Montgomery Parks Historic Sites Open for the Season the First Weekend in April

Saturday, April 5, 10 am, Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park

Guided Hike along the Underground Railroad Experience Trail, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860 **FREE**

Sunday, April 6, 1pm – 4pm, Kingsley Schoolhouse

Guided tours, Little Bennett Regional Park (Kingsley Parking Area on Clarksburg Road), Clarksburg MD 20871 **FREE**

For more information, visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2014/03/31/montgomery-parks-historic-sites-open-for-the-season-the-first-weekend-in-april/>

Leggett Announces Another Pothole Blitz; Two-Week Effort will also Repair Damaged Pavement Sections

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13552

Montgomery County Board of Elections is hosting a Community Meeting:

Learn about the June 24 Primary Election

April 9 7:00pm-8:30pm
Mid-County Recreation Center
2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring

Montgomery County citizens are asked to bring their questions about voting directly to Election Board members and staff. For more information, [click here](#) or call 240-777-VOTE.

County Executive's Recommended Operating Budget for 2014-2015; Highlights Transit and Highway Maintenance

In his **recommended \$5 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2015**, County Executive Leggett emphasizes some transportation/transit funding:

- * The budget provides resources to enhance Call 'N' Ride that is expected to result in more than 400 new participants;
- * The Executive proposes extending Ride On's Kids Ride Free program for an extra hour, to operate from 2pm until 8pm Monday through Friday; and
- * To ensure the county's road infrastructure remains sound, the Executive's recommendation significantly boosts funding for maintenance. Highway Services would expand planned road resurfacing from 24 lane miles in FY14 to 129 lane miles in FY15.

To see the entire Recommended Operating Budget, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb

Nominations Sought for Community Action Awards; Nominations Due April 11

The County's Community Action Board is seeking nominations for several awards which recognize individuals and organizations that have made a difference in reducing poverty, or for advocating on behalf of Montgomery County's low-income residents. Awards will be presented at the Board's annual Community Action Month Celebration and Volunteer Event on Tuesday, May 27. **Nominations must be received by Friday, April 11.**

Visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13511 for details.

Reminder . . .

The Division of Transit Services/Ride On is looking for interested people to serve on the Ride On Transit Advisory Group. If you are a frequent Ride On user, live in the Montgomery County, and want to serve, send a letter of interest including your answers to the questions listed [here](#) (questions in English and Spanish) to:

Division of Transit Services
Transit Advisory Group
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850

You may also submit it via [email](#). For more information, call 240-777-5800.

Germantown Library Offers Seminar for Small Businesses:
MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS

Thursday, April 24 7:00 PM
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Registration is required. SCORE mentors will discuss strategies and tips for "Marketing Your Business". This program is the second of three part series of the monthly seminars related to small business that will continue from March through May. Register for other programs in the series: "Starting Your Business", scheduled for March 25 and "Essentials for Recordkeeping & Accounting for Small Business", scheduled for May 20. For more information about the program contact SCORE DC at somkdsr@verizon.net.

Leggett Encourages Low-Income and Senior Homeowners to Apply for Property Tax Credit

Montgomery County homeowners who have a limited income or are at least 70 years of age may be eligible for property tax credits that will limit the amount of taxes they must pay. One application will determine eligibility for three programs – the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program; the Montgomery County Supplemental Property Tax Credit; and the Montgomery County Senior Property Tax Credit. The application deadline is September 1, 2014.

See more at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13549

**Executive Director Search Underway for Collaboration Council
of Montgomery County**



Carol Walsh, the current Executive Director, recently announced that she will be retiring in July.

The Montgomery County (Maryland) Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families is seeking an experienced, passionate, visionary leader to serve as the Executive Director for the organization. [Click here](#) for the full position description and application process or visit <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Special-Edition-Collaborative-Piece--Executive-Director-Job-Announcement.html?soid=1110058976266&aid=LCHdu2Nhm8Y>

Closing date is May 2, 2014. (posted 3/26/14)

10 County biotech companies to receive \$500,000 in County support

See http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13430 for the list and more details.

"Take Your Child to Work Day!"
Thursday, April 24th



Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Grants Available!

Now that spring is here (yes, it really is!), see what your organization can do to help beautify your community. The Spring 2014 review season began March 1, 2014. We will continue to review applications through June if grant funds are available.

For more information, visit

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/Resources/Files/Grant%20App%20FY14v1\(1\).pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/Resources/Files/Grant%20App%20FY14v1(1).pdf)



RECRUITMENT FOR CORE, SENIOR, EMERGING LEADERS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS!

Apply now for Leadership Montgomery's Class of 2015. Applications and Information Session dates are available on the [website](#).

Core Program application deadline: **FRIDAY, MAY 2**

Senior Leadership Montgomery application deadline: **FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

Emerging Leaders application deadline: **THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

Youth Leadership Montgomery application deadline: **FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org

Montgomery County Model for Promoting Social Cohesion with Interfaith Community

A delegation of Montgomery County officials was invited to the White House on March 18, 2014 by Mr. George Selim, Director for Community Partnerships on the National Security Council. The purpose was to discuss the Montgomery County Model for promoting social cohesion amongst a diverse county, advancing public safety and reducing violence that is seen as unique and worthy of emulation. It was developed by Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi, President of WORDE and Co-Chair of the Faith Community Working Group, in partnership with Chief Thomas Manger and the County's Interfaith Community Liaison, Rev. Mansfield Kaseman. Key to its success is collaboration among elected and appointed officials as well as participating faith leaders and nonprofits.



Present for the consultation pictured right to left are Mr. Bruce Adams, Director of the Office of Community Partnerships; Ms. Brette Steele, Senior Council to the Deputy Attorney General; Mr. Isiah Leggett, County Executive; Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, Interfaith Community Liaison; Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi, President of WORDE and Co-Chair of the Faith Community Working Group; Dr. Joshua Starr, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools; Mr. Thomas Manger, Police Chief of Montgomery County; Mr. George Selim, Director for Community Partnerships on the National Security Council; and Mr. Darryl McSwain, Assistant Police Chief for Montgomery County. Present for the consultation but missing from the picture is Ms. Uma

Ahluwalia, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>